CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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- 1. (previously amended) In combination with a grounded support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:
- a dielectric base fixed to the support and formed with a throughgoing cutout exposing the grounded support;
- a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the card;
 - a hinge on the dielectric base pivotally carrying the conductive cover for movement between an open position with the cover and the card in the slot partially raised from the base and a closed position with the cover and the card in the slot closely juxtaposed with the base and covering the cutout; and
 - a ground contact carried on and electrically connected to the cover and positioned to engage through the cutout directly with the grounded support in the closed position of the cover.

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2. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 1 wherein the ground contact is of the same material as the cover.

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3. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the ground contact is formed as a spring finger.

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4. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the ground contact is unitary with the cover.

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5. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the ground contact is formed at an edge of the cover.

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6. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 1 wherein the ground contact is offset from the card slot.

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- 7. (previously amended) In combination with a grounded support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:
 - a dielectric base fixed to the support;
- a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the card and pivotal on the base between an open position partially raised from the base and a closed position closely juxtaposed with the base; and

latch means between the cover and the base for releasably securing the cover in the closed position and including a grounded latching tab fixed to the base and engageable with the cover only in the closed position.

8. (canceled)

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9. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 7 wherein the tab is formed with a tongue engageable with the cover and holding it against the base only in the closed position.

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10. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 7 wherein the base includes a contact connected to the grounded support and to the tab.

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11. (previously amended) The card holder defined in claim 7 wherein the tab has a part imbedded in the base.

12. (canceled)